



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1114

Senate, April 25, 2019

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO A MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES AMBULANCE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Any person committed to the custody of the Commissioner of
4 Correction who is confined in a correctional facility and requires
5 hospitalization for medical care may be transferred by the department
6 to any hospital having facilities for such care. If such person is covered
7 by a health insurance policy, as defined in section 38a-469, and such
8 policy provides coverage for such hospitalization or medical care, such
9 person shall be liable to the hospital for all covered expenses, and (1)
10 such person shall arrange to have the carrier pay the amount of
11 covered expenses to the hospital, or (2) if such policy indemnifies the
12 covered person for costs incurred, such person shall pay the hospital
13 for covered expenses. Each carrier shall provide benefits for covered

14 expenses without regard to whether a person is committed to the
 15 custody of the Commissioner of Correction. If such person is not
 16 covered by a health insurance policy, the department shall reimburse
 17 the receiving hospital at a rate not to exceed that established under the
 18 provisions of section 17b-239. As used in this [section] subsection,
 19 "carrier" means any insurance company, hospital service corporation,
 20 medical service corporation, health care center, fraternal benefit society
 21 or other entity which delivers, issues for delivery or renews a health
 22 insurance policy in this state.

23 (b) Prior to October 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Correction shall
 24 revise the payment methodology for ambulance services provided by a
 25 municipality on behalf of a person who is confined in a correctional
 26 facility and requires transfer to a hospital for medical care. The
 27 revision to such payment methodology shall ensure that if such person
 28 is not covered by a health insurance policy, the department shall
 29 reimburse the municipality for ambulance services at the same rate
 30 that department is contractually obligated to pay to nonmunicipal
 31 providers of ambulance services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	18-52a

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Commissioner of Correction to reimburse municipality ambulance services at the same rate as non-municipal ambulance providers and results in no fiscal impact to the state. The department doesn't have any contracts with non-municipal ambulance providers and currently pays the same rate (the Medicaid rate) for all ambulance services.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1114*****AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO A MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES AMBULANCE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.*****SUMMARY**

By law, the Department of Correction (DOC) may transfer an inmate in a correctional facility who requires hospitalization for medical care to a hospital with facilities for such care.

This bill requires the DOC commissioner, before October 1, 2019, to revise the department's payment methodology for ambulance services a municipality provides to an inmate who requires transfer to a hospital for medical care. The revision must ensure that if the inmate does not have private health insurance, DOC will reimburse the municipality for the ambulance services at the same rate it is contractually obligated to pay non-municipal ambulance service providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 3 (04/08/2019)